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“...churches of Christ salute you” (Rom 16:16)
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Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Class.....9:00 a.m.
AM Worship...10:00 a.m.
PM Worship.... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Bible Study.... 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:
Ladies' Bible Class(Sept.–Apr.)
Class meets at 10 a.m.

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John Mayer

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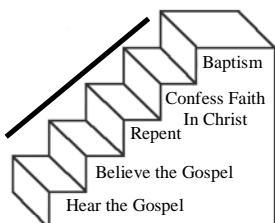
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Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear-Romans 10:17
Believe-John 8:24
Repent-Acts 17:30
Confess-Romans 10:10
Be Baptized-Acts 22:16
Saved - in Christ (Galatians 3:27)



God's Word

Don Hatch

Upon the threshold of the new millennium, we are faced with a choice. Do we believe that the Bible is inspired? This truth requires a discussion from the evidence, both internal and external. We must be concerned about the answers.

The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the revealed will of God, which is the mind of God in human terms, given to guide unto all truth (2 Pet 1:20,21; 2 Tim 3:16,17). There can be no doubt that the New Testament upholds the authenticity and integrity of the Old Testament. The present trend of Postmodernism is to advance human philosophy over the Bible. Postmodernists say that what is produced by man's mind is authoritative. When man will not accept the Bible unless it is confirmed by philosophy it is no longer a matter of faith. When the postmodernists ask for proof of the Bible, they want satisfactory evidence for their philosophies. Man has a love for life and dread of death. Unlike any other creature, man does not like the idea that he was born to die. Man's nature seeks to live beyond the limited life span upon the earth. He yearns for a revelation of his origin and destiny. The Bible is the only book that reveals man's destiny. It is the only book that meets the philosopher's demands, "why am I here and where am I going?"

Man wants to worship and worship requires a Being worthy of worship. This Being must be super-human for man will not worship his inferior or mere equal. The object of worship must be superior to man. Man cannot create such a Being. Therefore, it renders man incapable of creating or imagining an ideal like God. A true object of worship must be revealed. The Bible is the only book that reveals such a Being.

We are not left with mere philosophical evidence of the infallibility of the Bible. Jesus demonstrated with many infallible proofs that he had risen from the dead (Acts 1:3). Such proofs were not dependent on philosophical evidences. The revelation of God's will required many unmistakable

proofs. The certainty of historical events confirms God's word. "Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou was instructed" (Lk 1:1-4). The perfect understanding and certainty with which New Testament writers wrote as eyewitnesses points to superhuman oversight.

The enemies of Christianity seek to destroy the word and the miracles that confirmed it. Miracles invaded the fixed order of the natural laws and proved that there was a power beyond natural laws. Miracles do not violate natural laws but demonstrate that the Author of such laws has power over and above them. The miracles of the Bible are infallible proofs of its divine origin.

The unique presentation and anticipation of historical events wherein miracles were worked demonstrates God's will is verified only in the Bible (Heb 2:1-5). Joseph in Egypt and the divine revelation of the years of plenty and of famine were anticipated and beyond human intervention and understanding. The anticipation of the Bible concerning historical events is an infallible proof. Realms of science, archaeology, oceanography, anthropology, meteorology, astronomy, gravity, hydrology and many other sciences were foreknown and predicted in the Bible before they became household terms in society. These were advance statements of divine knowledge in the Bible. They could not be applied until man came upon avenues to discover and employ them. Men of the Bible were not men of science and could not have written or spoken of items beyond the realm of human knowledge without supernatural aid.

The teachings of the New Testament are not of mere men. They sought no earthly aggrandizement, were able to display nonpartisanship even to their fellow Christians. When bonds and afflictions awaited them, they proceeded boldly and confirmed what they said by miracles that were irrefutable. Such words, actions and miracles could not be accounted for except they were of God. (Notes from: Foy Wallace's, God's Prophetic Word)

FAMILY CARE

A Message from Our Shepherds

The United States Constitution was designed to perpetuate a society based upon Judeo-Christian principles. Any surrender of these values endangers the wellbeing of our nation. The design of those who founded our nation needs to be frequently reemphasized.

“We have no government armed with power which is capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for moral and religious people; it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” (John Adams).

“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: that it tied together in one indissoluble bond, the principle of civil government with the principle of Christianity” (John Quincy Adams).

“It is impossible that a nation of infidels and idolaters should be a nation of freemen. It is when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupt public conscience, is incompatible with freedom...” (Patrick Henry).

“... the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards eternal rules or order and right, which heaven itself has ordained...” (George Washington).

Abundantly evidenced were Christian principles in early America. Today America has drifted from her biblical heritage. Her moral anchor has been severed. She is speeding toward days of spiritual collapse. The source of this is not solely the government. Blame must also fall upon the false preacher who depreciates God’s will helping to lead our nation into moral and spiritual collapse. A breakdown and ruination cannot be far away when the false preachers cry for peace with Satan and his workers calling for an end to spiritual warfare with spiritual hosts of wickedness and unfruitful works of darkness. America has rejected God because too many preachers will not take up moral and spiritual issues. Too many preachers seek to tickle ears, embracing only half-truths and turning aside to fables.

In the battle being fought for the souls of mankind and our nation, political correctness is a false slogan. In the realm of spiritual warfare prayer has been abandoned, infanticide, genocide, mercy killings and acceptance of the vilest sort are tolerated and offered a place in our nation. Some laws have been removed and others added which profoundly reflect on the soul of America. Is God not rejected in America? The realm of spiritual warfare is being manipulated by sophistry. Old fashion words like freedom, justice for all, purity, family and virtue are given different meanings and definitions in order to deceive. There is an ongoing campaign to legalize sin or better said, “to eliminate sin as a word in our vocabulary;” drugs (legalize them?), freedom of choice (immoral actions don’t ask and don’t tell?), unnatural affections (alternate lifestyles?), lasciviousness (adult entertainment?) and what God called immoral is now adopted by the New Age Religion and Morality.

In an ever-increasing hedonistic society, led by false presuppositions without divine restraints lead to sinful conduct. What are their expectations? These pleasure driven people will call anyone who stands for holiness the “Christian Right”, saying they want to impose their morality on society. All laws are the imposition of someone’s morality. How can biblical principles be false now if America was based upon them?

America will not be delivered from her downward decay; destruction and death until its people come to terms with God by obedience to His principles and oracles. Hope is found in returning to God and His ways. The immutable principles of God are right and holy and it is therein that the soul of American will continue to exist.

Don Hatch

Fall From Grace?

Comfort is a constant theme in the Bible. Countless events illustrate how God comforts and brings security to the heart of His obedient child. Security in the believer’s life is based upon God’s declaration of atonement by the blood of Jesus.

All informed children of God understand promises are conditional and to receive them one must comply with God’s conditions (Jn 3:14, 15). A “heart of unbelief” can beset and prevent one from entering into the rest of God (Heb 3:7-19). Demonstrated is a condition that makes one aware of the need to be faithfully obedient (Rom 1:1-5; 16:26).

Paul raises the problem of falling from grace (Gal 5:2-12) and identifies those who trouble a Christian as one who struggles to remain faithful and run the race. Sin has many avenues by which it seeks to reemerge in one’s life (Lk 8:4-15). The advantage a Christian has is admitting sin, repenting, confessing it and asking for forgiveness (1 Jn 1:8-10). When contemplating the gravity of sin, self-deception and the need to confess sin a Christian is faced with a real life and death struggle. There are **public sins** that bring the Christian, the Lord and the church into reproach- what is to be done? There are **private sins** which none but the Lord know-what is to be done? Can sin destroy fellowship with God?

False teachers have duped millions by teaching a Christian cannot fall from grace. If such is true, why are there so many exhortations to beware of philosophy, traditions of men and deceit that are not after Christ (Col 2:8-19)? The issue is not whether an obedient child will be lost. He will not! The issue is can a believer become an unbeliever? Christians are warned to “beware lest anyone take you captive” (Col 2:7, 8). They are admonished to take heed lest they fall (1 Cor 10:1-13). An unbeliever can become a believer (Mk 16:15, 16). Can the process be reversed and believers become an unbeliever (Heb 6:1-5; 3:19)? Does God take away free moral agency from a Christian?

The doctrine that a child of God cannot fall-once saved always saved- became acceptable through the theology of John Calvin and is patently false. This elaborate theology has five main points.

Total heredity depravity-all are born in sin and completely depraved having inherited Adam’s sin. The strange problem is that 1 Tim 2:14 explains that Eve was beguiled first and fell into sin, not Adam. Moreover why didn’t Jesus, Adam’s descendent, have such sin (Lk 3:23-38).

Unconditional election-God before time chose special individuals to either be saved or lost and none can change their destiny. Why then does the New Testament promote the doctrine of conversion and possibility of salvation for all who will obey the gospel (Eph 1:13, 14; 2 Thes 1:6-9)?

Limited atonement-Christ died but not for all. Only the elect will receive atonement. Why did Peter teach making one’s calling and election sure if it was impossible (2 Pet 13-11)? Strange that Calvin said Jesus is partial when the Scriptures teach the reverse.

Irresistible grace- the person who God elects will receive the direct operation the Holy Spirit upon their heart to remove the Adamic sin. This doctrine could not stand if the first (Adamic sin) had not been invented. Moreover, it teaches that one cannot resist this operation of the Spirit. Yet, on Pentecost (Acts 2) thousands refused.

Preservation of the saints-once saved always saved is promoted on the premises that a person had received the direct operation of the Spirit and there has been a miraculous grace of God given so that one can never sin and be eternally lost. Hebrews 6 teaches the opposite. It says one can be a partaker of the Holy Spirit and fall away. Beware of false teaches.

Don Hatch

FAMILY NEWS:

News at Belt Line

Call in your information to the office at:
972-790-8606 by Sunday evening

APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

GREETERS:

April 16 – Front Foyer – Don & Anne Herriage
Back Foyer – Henry Seidmeyer & Doris Selby

April 23 – Front Foyer – Mike & Elizabeth Garrison
Back Foyer – Thomas Rathbun & Polly Roses

Communion Preparation: Dorris & Janie Walker

Contribution Counters: Glen Kelly & Nathan Allen

SERMONS

April 16 – a.m. “Unchangeable In A
Changeable World – Heb. 7:18-25
p.m. “Christ Is The Answer”
Jeremiah 10:23-25

**HAVE YOU INVITED
SOMEONE TO WORSHIP
THIS WEEK?**

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bobby Bowen, Jane Easter, Dessie Ross, Don & Margaret Lewis, Carol Swinney, David & Faye West, Laquita Baker, Mike Garrison, Nellie Melvin, Sissy Allen, Grady Fowler, Daryl Gerardo David Hawkins, Beverly McKey, Jerry Catlin

Home Bound Members: Helen Thomas, Mary Walker, Dessie Ross, Gearldean Jones

Nursing Homes: Max Melton – Irving Nursing & Rehabilitation

Military: Chris & Abigail Mathews

EVENTS

MISSION PRINTING – Mission Printing will meet every **SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium to collate and staple tracts to be sent all over the world. Please come help us and enjoy the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class will meet on **Tuesday April 11th**. Fellowship at 9:45 and lesson at 10:00. The lesson will be “**God’s Plan For Redeeming Man**”. Ladies make plans to attend and bring a friend.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Don Hatch is home recovering from a stay in the hospital last week.

Sissy Allen is currently at Northgate Plaza. She may get to go home sometime this week.

Richard and **Carolyn Renfro** are not feeling well.

Jerry Catlin is in Baylor, Scott and White Hospital.

Alice Worthy’s son-in-law **Terry** did not get a good report from his cancer doctor. Please keep in prayers.

There are many of our number who are struggling with health issues. Please keep them in your daily prayers so that they may once again be back at services with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Teen Workday** will be on Saturday, **April 22nd**. Please let Darrell Allen know if there is anything that the teens can assist you with on that day around your home.

LADIES we are collecting items for the Ladies ½ Day gift bags. Please bring them by Wednesday, **April 26**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Vera Gleghorn** and **Marinell Zaun** as their brother **Milton Gleghorn** passed away. Visitation will be at 12:00 and services at 1:00 Monday, April 10th at Brown’s Funeral Home.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Virginia Stull** as her sister **Ida Tidwell** passed away yesterday in Tyler as a result of a fall on Saturday. Services are pending.

THANK YOU NOTE

There is a Thank Note from **Don Hatch’s** family on the bulletin board.

NEW MEMBER

Ms. Clemmie Cheatham
4813 N. O’Connor Road
Irving, Texas 75062
Phone: 832-646-6542

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/17/17 – 39'ers – Annex – 6:30 pm

4/22/17 – Teen Work Day

4/29/17 – Ladies ½ Day – 9 a.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Glen Kelly – 4/1
 Rebecca Andrepont – 4/1
 Mary Wise – 4/2
 Jerry Grantham – 4/2
 Vern Lundquist – 4/6
 Billy Beverly – 4/7
 Sissy Allen – 4/12
 Bobby Allen – 4/16
 Henry Seidmeyer – 4/16
 Nelda Bell Newton – 4/17
 Jeanene Heilman – 4/19
 Alice Worthy – 4/20
 Thomas Rathbun – 4/21
 Mary Walker – 4/22
 Don Hatch – 4/25
 Faye West – 4/30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Sissy Allen – 4/18

*If unable to serve on the Lord's table,
 please contact Curtis Vaughan:
 (469) 216-7580*

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE THIS SUNDAY

LORD'S TABLE (MORNING)

Front Table

John Mayer
 Nathan Allen
 Dorris Walker
 Curtis Vaughan
 Alex Mayer
 Purman Cofer

Rear Table

Vern Lundquist
 Bobby England
 James Gilliam
 Robert Taylor

4/16/17

SUNDAY PRAYERS

A.M. – Richard Renfro
 Ken Lee
 Dean Webb
 P.M. – Curtis Vaughan
 Jerry Baker

SCRIPTURE READING

A.M. – Thomas Rathbun
 Hebrews 7:18-25
 P.M. – Richard Renfro
 Jeremiah 10:23-25

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Thomas Rathbun

LORD'S TABLE (EVENING)

Glen Kelly
 Thomas Rathbun

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Jerry Baker
 P.M. – Nathan Allen

FOR THE RECORD: ATTENDANCE & BUDGET NUMBERS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	49	64	56	100
A.M. Worship	75	101	87	150
P.M. Worship	58	55	57	80
Wed. Class	52	55	56	85
Contribution	\$6218	\$4798	\$5154	\$5220

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

Glen Tattersall – Australia
 Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
 Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
 Charlie & Mary DiPalma – Australia
 Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
 David & Paula Tarbet – New Milford, CT
 Ted Lingren – Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
 Rohan & Sandra Jones – Cape Town, South Africa
 Elangwe & Magdaline Gregory – Wotutu, Cameroon
 Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo
 Dennis & Beth Johnson – Chennai Teacher Training School – India

OTHERS SUPPORTED

Paper Pulpit – Hurst, Texas
 The Truth In Love – Hurst, Texas
 Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
 Christ's Haven Children's Home – Keller, Texas
 Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, Texas
 Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

STUDENT PREACHERS SUPPORTED

Brown Trail School of Preaching – Bedford, Texas
 Dolcey Patino, Roberto Ortiz, Joseph Harris, Nathan Boyd
 Southwest School of Bible Studies – Issac Umana

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